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Palermo—Smallpox.

Consul De Soto has reported smallpox at Palermo as follows: From June 4 to November 25, 1911, 2,428 cases with 1,104 deaths; from November 26, 1911, to February 10, 1912, 2,182 cases with 735 deaths; and during the week ended February 17, 97 cases with 31 deaths.

MEXICO.**Typhus Fever.**

At Aguascalientes Consul Schmutz reported 1 death from typhus fever during the week ended February 18.

At Guadalajara Consul Magill reported 1 case with 1 death during the week ended February 24.

At Mexico City Consul General Shanklin reported the occurrence of 53 cases with 11 deaths during the week ended January 20.

Yellow Fever in Merida and Vicinity.

During the week ended February 24, 3 cases of yellow fever were reported at Merida. The total number of cases reported since August 1, 1911, is 63 with 29 deaths.

At the hacienda of Kambul, 57 kilometers distant from Merida, 7 deaths from yellow fever were reported under date of February 27.

RUSSIA.**Typhus Fever.**

At Odessa Consul Grout reports the occurrence of 132 cases of typhus fever with 6 deaths during the week ended February 3.

At St. Petersburg Vice Consul Vezey reports 12 cases of typhus fever with 1 death for the 2 weeks ended January 27.

SOUTH AFRICA.**Plague at Durban, Natal—Rat Infection.**

Consul Stewart reports January 27: Two cases of plague, both of which were fatal, have developed since the beginning of the outbreak, January 14. Mortality among rats continues and 8 foci of rat infection were reported to January 26. All but one of these foci are along the wharf frontage. One discovered January 23 is situated near the business center of the city.

Plague Rats in Durban—Precautionary Measures.

The following information, dated January 27, was received from the department of the interior of the Union of South Africa:

Infected rats were found at two places within the Durban borough January 21 and 23, respectively, and there are several foci of rat infection in the harbor area. Precautionary measures are being carried out on an extended scale. The premises in which rats have been found have been thoroughly disinfected and stringent precautions have been taken to prevent the escape of rodents from such premises. The greatest care is being exercised to prevent the possibility of infection being conveyed by means of cargo of every description. The systematic destruction of rats is being undertaken and thorough sanitary inspection made.